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OREGON WEATHER

+ Tonight and Tuesday occa-
+ sional rain west, rain or snow
+ east portion; southerly winds.

WAR AND AMERICA.

While Henry Ford will undoubtedly be doomed to disappointment in his campaign for peace, his action has called forcibly to mind the fact that all the world is directly affected by the war that is fast devastating Europe. First Belgium, with its frugal and industrious people, was laid waste, and her millions were made to suffer the pangs of hunger when want stalked through the country in the wake of the conquering armies. The cry of these sufferers was heard around the world, and here in America relief societies were organized and put forth their best efforts to aid. Belgium is but a small spot upon the map. There are other spots where war has marked its bloody trail and where want is now just as insistent as in Belgium. Europe is too busy destroying and laying waste to heed the call. America would gladly respond were she able, and no doubt Americans will give from their plenty in every direction possible. But if this giving is to be considered a duty—and it is a duty to relieve suffering wherever possible—are not the people of America then justified in demanding that Europe cease adding to the starving hosts? If a ceaseless war puts upon Americans a duty which they meet readily, though sorrowfully and incompletely, has not America a direct interest in the war, or in bringing the war to a close?

Overtures in the direction of peace can well be made by the United States when the time for peace is ripe, and no doubt will be so made. The initiative of the individual, such as Ford, can not harm the ultimate peace, but our best optimism can not picture a success for him.

THE WEST IN EDUCATION.

United States Education Commissioner Dr. Philander P. Claxton has recently returned to his duties at the national capital after a tour through the west. Out here he soaked in some of the western views and western methods of education, and some of them he incorporates in the following, which he gives a correspondent of the United Press:

"In all fairness I must say that the west is educationally far ahead of the east. There are fewer children there, but proportionately speaking the west does not stint in taxation for educational purposes. The children there have the benefit of every educational advantage that money and science can produce.

"For example, Oregon leads all states of the Union in giving school credit for industrial work done in the home. Oregon therefore is developing thrift and vocation to an unusual extent in the pupils of the public schools.

"The state of Washington leads the country in the number of homes for teachers, and as a consequence is giving stability to the profession of public school teaching. If to these homes school farms of from five to fifty acres could be added, men would be glad, in many instances, to make teaching their business.

"We must have teachers who will

become identified with the interests of the community. Washington and other western states, particularly Minnesota, are solving these problems by their teacher-cottage systems in rural communities.

"California pays its teachers better than any other state. The average salary of public school teachers, including rural and urban, throughout the country is \$490; California pays an average of \$950.

"Special mention should be made of the western farm schools. These are not strictly vocational, but they aim to industrialize teaching, making it not only practical but by means of this kind of teaching preparing pupils for community life. Such a school plan approaches pretty nearly ideal rural conditions."

GRAND JURY WILL PROBE CASE AGAINST ALLEGED PLOTTER

San Francisco, Nov. 29.—The case of C. C. Crowley, alleged pro-German bomb plotter, was slated for presentation to the grand jury today, officials suggested this forenoon. Meantime authorities shed but little more light on their accusation that Crowley supplied money for a destructive campaign against munitions shipments at Seattle and Tacoma.

Walter Brown, alias L. J. Smith, is slated as the chief witness against Crowley when the latter's case comes up for hearing Friday. Just where Smith is remained a mystery today, though it was hinted he is bound west from Detroit.

Federal District Attorney Preston crawled into his shell completely today and refused to cast further light upon the case. Walter Brown, alias L. J. Smith, depended on as a strong witness against Crowley, is known to be under arrest, but when he will get here no official would say.

Crowley's attorney issued a statement today declaring he is satisfied of Crowley's innocence and charged that the prosecution is apparently an attempt on the part of some officials and agents of this government to involve the representatives of the German government in the destruction of a barge loaded with munitions at Seattle last May.

ARSON CHARGE AGAINST FRESNO MERCHANT

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Fresno, Cal., Nov. 29.—After fire wrought \$30,000 damage in Frank Hickman's store, and threatened to spread ruin throughout the business section early today, arson charges were filed this afternoon against Hickman and his head salesman, W. H. Jenks.

Jenks, it is claimed, confessed he made preparation for firing the store with Hickman's knowledge and approval. Jenks was thrown into jail, but Hickman is in San Francisco. According to Jenks' story, everything was in readiness to set torch to the store when a gas jet ignited the goods.

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STATEMENT BY MANAGER OF WATER COMPANY

In the Rogue River Courier of the 23rd inst. appears an editorial entitled "Wanted—A Moses," the gist of which is that the voters have no definite data upon which to base a vote on the proposition of the purchase of the present system or any other. The same editorial very truly says, "Statements of the value of the present system have been bandied about, usually by people who have no more definite idea of the value of a water plant than they have of a horse simply because it was a horse."

A statement from the manager of the present system at this time should therefore be of assistance to the voters in arriving at the value of the plant, the purchase of which is to be voted on at the election December 6, 1915.

A very large part of the system has been renewed or installed within the past eight years.

At the present time there is in service over 25 miles of pipe line within the city limits.

A condensed statement of equipment of the Rogue River Water company in actual and active use at this date is given below:

Transmission Mains—	Present Value.
3,411 feet 12-inch pipe.....	\$ 14,008.00
Distribution Mains—	
3,900 feet 10-inch pipe,	
5,050 feet 8-inch pipe,	
8,520 feet 6-inch pipe,	
28,295 feet 4-inch pipe,	
32,566 feet 2-inch pipe,	
19,956 feet 1-inch pipe,	
3,454 feet ¾-inch pipe,	56,177.00
1,044 services or connections to mains, including 31,320 feet of pipe, two cut-off cocks for each service, clamps, etc.	9,430.00

(The ordinary service is about ¾-inch, but there are about 100 1-inch services, ten 2-inch services, one 3-inch service and one 4-inch service.)

48 hydrants, complete with gates.....	3,280.00
Over 500 meters.....	3,842.00
Intake and purification plant.....	1,467.00
Pump station building and well.....	5,745.00
Reservoir No. 1.....	2,928.00
Reservoir No. 2.....	5,938.00
Steam power plant.....	5,259.00
Electric power plant, including two pumps, each capable of raising 1,000 gallons of water per minute to reservoirs.....	5,974.00
Office and shop equipment.....	705.00
Real estate.....	4,111.00
Material and supplies.....	1,768.00
Total.....	\$120,632.00

Overhead charges, superintendence and contingencies are included in above values and apportioned pro rata to each item.

The above is the valuation placed upon the plant by the water company's engineer, Mr. R. H. Corey. The railroad commission of Oregon, in their order U-P-18, placed the value at \$119,776.00, which is only \$856.00 less than the valuation of the water company's engineer. This value means the actual present value of the plant or the value in its present condition, and does not mean what it would cost to install it new. The railroad commission of Oregon placed the cost of reproducing the plant new at \$151,627.00.

The railroad commission would allow nothing for cutting pavements and sidewalks, as the present plant was installed before pavements and concrete sidewalks were put in. If a new plant were put in today the cost of cutting pavements and sidewalks and replacing same would be unavoidable and would amount to from \$12,000 to \$15,000.

Only equipment in actual use or actually necessary for operation of plant and supplying water to the city and its inhabitants is included in the valuation given.

In addition to the water plant itself the owners thereof are including in their offer to the city certain real estate, consisting of the old power station property of six or more acres, three 25-foot lots on E street back of the Masonic temple, and the acre lot east of the present pump station and crossed by the municipal railroad.

It is perhaps not generally known that the municipal railroad has no title to the way across this lot (Lot 19, block 5, Riverside addition) and the purchase of the water plant by the city will settle all controversy in regard to this right-of-way.

It should therefore be plain to the thinking men and women of this city that the water plant together

with the other property included is worth much more than the price asked, \$120,000.

(Paid Advertisement.)

U. S. GOVERNMENT DOES NOT CONSIDER BOY-ED CONSPIRATOR

New York, Nov. 29.—The defense in the trial of the directors of the Hamburg-American Steamship company, accused of being customs violators, asked—and got—a show-down today as to whether the government regards Naval Attache Boy-Ed of the German embassy as a conspirator in the case.

Defense Attorney Rand flared up after a wordy battle over introduction of testimony concerning the activities of the supply ship Quesada, with which it is alleged Boy-Ed was connected.

"We demand to know what position the government takes regarding Boy-Ed," he shouted. "Come out with it, Woods (assistant federal district attorney), does the government consider Boy-Ed a conspirator in this case?"

"We do not," Woods retorted. "But we are using all evidence necessary to bring out our contentions."

New York, Nov. 29.—That captains of supply ships making trips to German commerce raiders at sea were guaranteed against loss, was the evidence presented by the prosecution today in the trial of directors of the Hamburg-American Steamship company, charged with customs violations.

Ralph Bullowa, a New York attorney for captains involved in transferring such supplies, identified an agreement between Karl Buenz, Hamburg-American head, and captains of the liners Fram, Sommerstadt and Adolph Hochmeister, assuring them against loss or damage while transferring their supplies to the warships of the empire of Germany.

Defense Attorney Rand sought to show Bullowa was an interested witness. Thereupon Bullowa admitted that he had insisted upon the agreement in order to have written evidence of the real destination of the ships. He admitted his clients afterward refused to permit their vessels to make the voyage.

Bullowa is attorney also for the owners of the Neptos and Mowinkle, which have litigation pending involving the same issues.

The government rested its case at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

WOMAN TELLS OF EXPERIENCE ON A TORPEDOED SHIP

(By United Press Leased Wire)

New York, Nov. 29.—Out of the mass of stories of Teutonic "frightfulness" there loomed today a description of how a Turk submarine, apparently with an Austrian commander, did its best to save passengers aboard the British steamer Barullos.

"For God's sake, go back to your ship," Mrs. Eleanor F. Egan, author, quoted the commander as shouting to panic-stricken passengers. "We are not murderers."

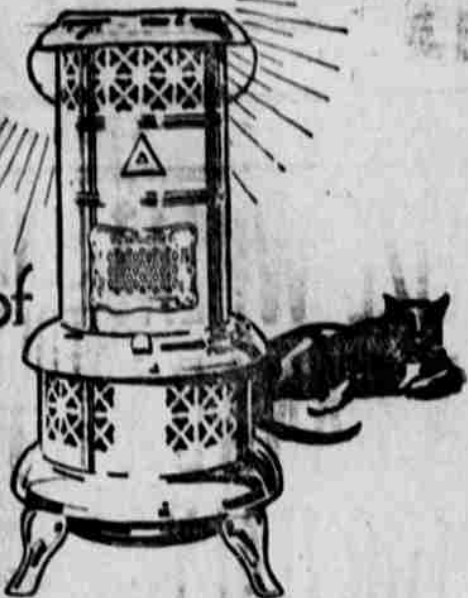
His command, however, did not come until 25 persons had already drowned in their haste to get off the ship, and not until at least one woman had gone stark mad, realizing that her three babies had perished when she hurried them over-side.

Mrs. Egan told of sighting the submarine some distance from Crete. The Barullos had picked up survivors of a submarine attack. When the submarine appeared, panic broke out and everybody crowded to the rail. When the Austrian commander spoke, however, the panic subsided somewhat. Mrs. Egan paid tribute to the crew of the Barullos for their heroic efforts to quiet passengers. Many of the 250 passengers were rescued by the submarine.

Mrs. Egan declared the vessel fired but one shot, and that apparently only in warning for a halt. The undersea boat finally disappeared after every one had been cared for as far as possible.

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GERMAN WOMEN READY TO TAKE UP ARMS FOR COUNTRY

San Francisco, Nov. 29.—So loyal is the spirit of the German people to the war cause that her women will shoulder guns when the supply of men becomes insufficient, Miss Louetta E. Weir, society girl, declared here today upon her arrival from the war zone. Though Miss Weir was persona non grata in Germany by reason of an interview she gave concerning shortage of food, and though at the German border she was searched and afterward spied on, she had nothing but praise for the spirit of the fatherland.

"The German people, as a whole, are praying for the end of the war," she said. "Most of them believe this will come in a few months. But meantime the government is training the 50-year class, while the women folks stand ready to enter the trenches if need be."

Though Berlin looks as usual to the casual observer, Miss Weir declared shortage of food makes the prospect of winter terrible for the poor.

So hard-pressed is Germany for

copper and rubber that she has stripped bronze art works of their metal and copper and requisitioned the tires of all taxicabs, the girl declared.

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